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Dear 

We have received your letters of 20 November and 21 November 1963 and wish to state that the Government would, of course, have no objection to your seeking redress for nonpayment of a legitimate and timely claim against it. At the same time, you are reminded of your continuing prohibition against revealing any matters known to you to be, or suspected by you of being, of a classified nature.

I believe that it has been clearly stated to you in past correspondence that this Agency will review the evidence supporting any loss sustained by a claimant who, for security reasons, has been precluded from pursuing a valid claim against a third party. Evidence to support such loss should include proof of the validity (to include timeliness) of the claim against the third party at the time the Agency required the claimant to withhold facts essential to his claim. Knowledge of your claimed loss came to the Agency's attention in January 1961 and, after complete review of the files, the Agency concluded that it would not ask you to withhold your claim from the Post Office Department. You have since submitted no evidence as to the reason for the Post Office Department's denial of the claim. If that reason involved the withholding of information which you knew to be of a classified nature, rather than the tardiness of the request to the Post Office Department for reimbursement, we would suggest that you contact this Office, that is, the Office of General Counsel, again. In any case, if you wish to pursue your claim in the courts, as indicated in subparagraph 3 of your 21 November 1963 letter, please inform

this office of the name and address of counsel representing you, unless you have no intention of making use of names, dates, places and other details known to you to be of national security interest.

We have forwarded your letters to our Legislative Counsel in view of the fact that you have stated you may wish to petition the House of Representatives to initiate a bill for relief.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. Houston

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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